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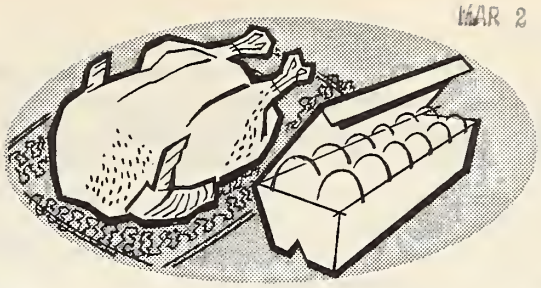

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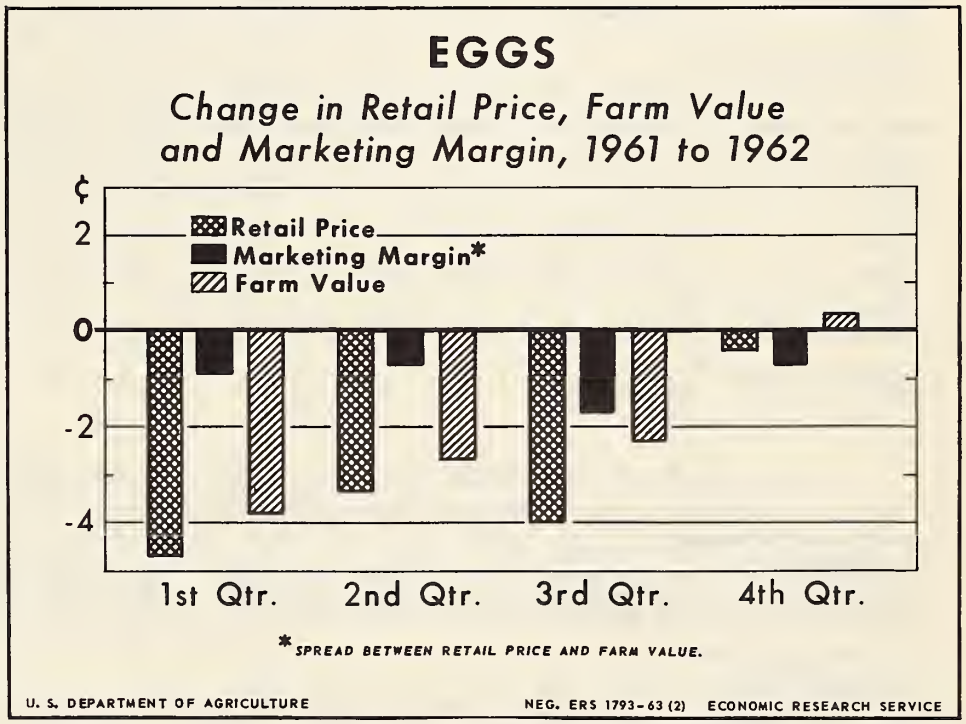
Egg prices to producers in 1962 averaged about 33.3 cents per dozen compared with 35.4 cents in 1961. However, farm prices for eggs did not decline as much as retail prices because of a reduction in the marketing margin. The shrinkage in the farm to-retail price spread was particularly noticeable in the third quarter.



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Item	Unit	Month or date	Average 1952-61 1/	1962 1/	1963 1/	Month or date	Average 1952-61	1962	1963	Comments on current situation
		EGGS								
Farm production	Mil.cases	Jan.	14.6	14.7	14.4	Feb.	14.0	13.7	13.3	Fewer layers producing at a lower rate.
Average number of layers on farms	Mil.	Jan.	332.4	309.2	304.7	Feb.	324.7	305.6	301.4	
Rate of lay per layer	Eggs	Jan.	15.9	17.1	17.0	Feb.	15.6	16.2	15.9	
Apparent disappearance, shell eggs per civilian	Eggs	Dec.	30.5	26.4	25.3	Jan.	30.2	26.1	25.0	
Frozen egg production	Mil. lb.	Dec.	8.9	18.0	11.1	Jan.	19.3	20.0	16.0	Full scale activity not yet underway.
Dried egg production	Mil. lb.	Dec.	1.3	2.5	1.6	Jan.	1.8	2.1	1.5	
Price received by farmers	Ct.per doz.	Jan.	39.3	35.4	36.5	Feb.	38.0	36.2	37.3	Price strength evident in last few months.
Price received by farmers as a percentage of parity	Pct.	Jan.	86	74	75	Feb.	89	77	78	
Retail price (ERS)	Ct.per doz.	Dec.	61.4	54.3	55.8	Jan.	58.5	55.3	57.4	
Egg-feed price ratio	Lb. feed	Jan.	10.8	10.4	10.4	Feb.	10.5	10.7	10.5	
Stocks:										
Shell	Thous.cases	Feb. 1	190	29	64	Mar. 1	296	38	31	
Frozen	Mil. lb.	Feb. 1	55.8	49.1	47.1	Mar. 1	54.8	40.2	37.7	Record low since World War II except for 1951.
Replacement chicks hatched	Mil.	Jan.	---	28.2	31.2	Feb.	---	40.2	41.6	Eggs in incubators on March 1 down 5 percent from a year earlier
Farm price of poultry ration	Dol.per cwt.	Jan.	3.62	3.39	3.51	Feb.	3.62	3.38	3.54	Up significantly from a year ago.
		POULTRY								
Price received by farmers for chickens, live										
Broilers	Ct. per lb.	Jan.	21.4	16.0	14.6	Feb.	21.8	16.6	15.8	Prices well maintained considering the larger supplies.
Farm chickens	Ct. per lb.	Jan.	17.0	10.0	10.4	Feb.	17.6	10.8	10.7	
All chickens	Ct. per lb.	Jan.	20.6	15.3	14.1	Feb.	21.1	16.0	15.3	
Price received by farmers for all chickens as a percentage of parity	Pct.	Jan.	72	63	59	Feb.	74	66	64	
Retail price of broilers and fryers ready-to-cook (ERS)	Ct. per lb.	Dec.	48.5	37.1	39.0	Jan.	49.4	40.4	40.4	
Price received by farmers for turkeys, live	Ct. per lb.	Jan.	28.7	18.2	22.1	Feb.	28.8	19.3	22.2	To continue higher than in 1962 in the first half.
Stocks:										
Poultry, excluding turkeys	Mil. lb.	Feb. 1	143.3	154.4	129.7	Mar. 1	125.5	121.3	115.8	
Turkeys	Mil. lb.	Feb. 1	142.9	251.0	198.4	Mar. 1	124.7	218.6	176.9	Higher prices lead to slower out-of-storage movement.
Broiler-feed price ratio	Lb. feed	Jan.	4.2	3.4	2.9	Feb.	4.3	3.6	3.3	Record low ratios restraining broiler production.
Turkey-feed price ratio	Lb. feed	Jan.	7.9	5.4	6.3	Feb.	7.9	5.7	6.3	
Average weekly placement of chicks in 22 important States	Mil.	Jan.	---	36.4	36.1	Feb.	---	38.0	38.0	Back down to last year's level.

1/ Except where entries relate to December; in those cases they refer to 1951-60, 1961 and 1962 respectively.

THE POULTRY AND EGG SITUATION

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SUMMARY

The Nation's farms turned out 3 percent fewer eggs in January and February than in the same months of 1962. The reduced output stemmed from both a smaller laying flock and a lower rate of lay. Egg prices to producers in February averaged 37.3 cents per dozen compared with 36.2 cents in the same month last year. During the next several months, egg output is likely to average close to the year-earlier level.

Prospects for 1963 continue for an increase up to 5-percent from 1962 in the number of flock replacement chickens raised. Such an increase would mean higher egg production than a year earlier late in 1963 and would begin to create a downward pressure on egg prices this spring, leading to significantly lower egg prices in the fourth quarter than a year before.

Broiler production is being cut back toward the 1962 level because of higher feed and chick prices than a year ago and lower broiler prices since November. Because turkey and egg production in 1963 will be determined largely by the number of poults and flock replacement chicks hatched in the next 3 or 4 months, the impact of the rise in production costs is not yet fully apparent. However, the recent level of hatchery activity indicates a cautious attitude in production planning. The industry apparently is reflecting awareness that higher prices for poultry and eggs will be necessary for 1963 to be as favorable as 1962.

Through May, broiler supplies will be about the same or a little smaller than in March-May last year. Despite the fact that beef and pork will be more plentiful and broiler exports probably will be less this year than in 1962, prices received by producers for broilers in the second quarter are likely to hold at least at recent levels (in mid-March prices for broilers in Georgia were mostly 14½ cents per pound). Thus, prices in the second quarter would be higher than a year earlier and could stimulate an expansion in broiler production and lower prices late in 1963.

Indications now are for only a small increase over 1962 in the 1963 turkey crop. The number of turkey breeder hens on farms could provide enough poults for about a 10-percent rise in output. However, growers' intentions in January were to raise only 3 percent more birds this year than last. Considering the above-average cold-storage holdings for turkey, these intentions appear to be in line with the expected response to the average price of about 21.6 cents per pound received by producers in 1962. The number of poults hatched from September 1962 through February 1963 totaled 17 million compared with 18 million in 1962. This also suggests that any increase in turkey production this year will be small. In February, producers received 22.2 cents per pound for turkeys, up from 19.3 cents in February 1962. Prices are likely to continue above a year earlier at least throughout the first half because of smaller supplies of turkey.

SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

More Flock Replacements Expected in 1963

Egg producers are expected to raise more replacement chickens this year than last year--even though egg-feed price relationships have been no more favorable in most recent months than in the comparable months of 1962. The increase, which is not likely to exceed 5-percent, probably will come largely from expansionary pressures associated with the rapid changes in the egg industry's technology, structure, and organization.

A 5-percent increase in replacement layers this year probably would restore the Nation's flock to the 1962 level by late summer or early fall. The influx of new layers also would tend to accentuate the upward trend in the rate of lay in the second half. Thus, egg production late in 1963 could significantly exceed output in the same months last year.

The hatch of egg-type chicks in January and February was up 6 percent from a year ago, but on March 1 there were 5 percent fewer eggs in incubators than on the same date in 1962. Because egg-feed price ratios during the next few months are likely to average below 1962, the percentage increase in chick production in the main hatching season is likely to be only moderately above a year earlier. The level of hatchery activity, including eggs in incubators, in the first quarter is indicated to be slightly above the 1962 level. In a February survey by the Crop Reporting Service, farmers reported plans to buy 6 percent more replacement chicks than in 1962.

The largest increases in intended chick purchases were reported in the South Central Region, the South Atlantic Region, and the West--the only areas to show year-to-year gains in potential layers as of last January 1. If these intentions are carried out, the regional shift in egg production from the North Central States to the South and Pacific Coast, which has been occurring rapidly in the last 5 years, will be extended in 1963. See tables 13 and 16.

Year-End Upward Surge in Egg Production Likely

Despite a sharp reduction in the number of replacement chickens raised in 1962, the Nation's laying flock continued larger than a year earlier through last October, and egg production did not drop below the 1961 level until December. Since then, layer numbers have dropped further relative to 1962 and are likely to continue below a year ago at least through summer or until nearly all of the expected new birds are added to the Nation's flocks.

In January and February, egg production was 3 percent lower than a year earlier because of fewer layers and a reduced rate of lay. On March 1, there were 300 million layers on farms, 1 percent less than on the same date last year, and output per layer was down 2 percent. Egg production is now near its peak for the year. Output will remain high between March and May and decline to a seasonal low in September. The rate of lay and egg production are likely to recover and through mid-year to hover close to the 1962 level. However, in the second half and particularly in the last quarter, egg production probably will move significantly above a year ago, reflecting both an expansion in flock size and a higher rate of lay. Through the last decade, most of the annual uptrend in egg production per bird resulted from gains in the second half of the year. This year the fourth quarter rate of lay is likely to get an extra boost because of a change from an older to a younger laying flock.

In the last 10 years, the average year-to-year gain in eggs per layer in the last quarter was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent. In those years when transition from an older to a younger laying flock occurred, the annual rise in rate of lay averaged about 4 percent.

Seasonal Decline in Egg Prices Not Yet Underway

Egg prices to producers have been unusually stable since last September, staying within a range of 36 to 37 cents per dozen. This is essentially the same price pattern that occurred during these months a year earlier, when prices averaged 36 cents a dozen. In mid-February, the average farm price for eggs was 37.3 cents per dozen compared with 36.2 cents in February 1962. On March 15, prices paid to farmers for wholesale and consumer grades of eggs were down mostly 1 to 2 cents per dozen from mid-February but continued higher than a year ago, except on the Pacific Coast where prices were lower than in 1962.

Smaller egg production in January and February than a year earlier appears to explain most of the recent price strength and the large out-of-storage movement of shell and frozen eggs since the beginning of this year. On a per capita basis, egg production in the first 2 months of 1963 was down 4 percent from a year before. Egg breakers were still relatively inactive in early March. Deliveries of eggs to breakers in the 5 weeks ending March 9 averaged 18 percent under a year ago.

However, cold-storage holdings of frozen eggs on March 1, at 38 million pounds were down 2 million pounds from a year earlier. This was the lowest level, except in 1951, since World War II. Now that stocks are near minimum working levels, the demand for eggs by breakers to meet current requirements will temporarily lend more support to egg prices than a year ago.

In the spring period of surplus egg production, prices reflect not only the current supply-demand situation but also prospects for fall prices. This is because egg storers and breakers who accumulate quantities in excess of springtime needs for consumption are willing to buy for later sale only if they feel that the spring-to-fall rise in egg product costs and prices will be at least sufficient to offset carrying costs. Thus, year-to-year changes in the hatch of egg-type chicks in March-May, which largely determine the level of egg production late in the year, have a concurrent influence on the level of springtime egg prices. If the larger hatch develops, as expected, downward pressures on egg prices will increase in the second quarter, and prices by late fall or early winter likely will be significantly below the 1962 level.

Broiler Production Up Only Little in 1962

The growth in broiler production, which has been continuous since 1946, was almost arrested in 1962 because of extremely depressed prices to producers in 1961. Liveweight production of broilers grew at an annual average rate of about 23 percent in 1947-51, 12 percent in 1952-56, and 10 percent in 1957-61. In 1957-61, year-to-year increases varied between 4 and 16 percent.

In the first 3 quarters of 1962, the total liveweight of young chickens slaughtered under Federal inspection was running 1 percent under the corresponding year-earlier figure. However, an 11-percent increase in fourth-quarter slaughter boosted the 1962 total 2 percent higher than in 1961. The 1962 year-end spurt in output was triggered by continuation of relatively favorable broiler prices after May. Broiler prices to U. S. producers in June-September 1962 averaged 15.2 cents per pound compared with the record-low average of 12.4 cents for the same months of 1961.

Annual broiler production in 22 States covered by weekly chick placement reports showed essentially the same change between 1961 and 1962 as Federally inspected slaughter. The number of birds produced in these States last year totaled 1,875 million--up 32 million or 2 percent from the 1961 mark. In terms of liveweight, output was up only 78 million pounds or 1 percent, because the average weight per bird was slightly lower--3.39 pounds in 1962 compared with 3.41 in 1961. These 22 States produced about 92 percent of the Nation's broiler meat in 1961.

Table 1.--Commercial broilers: Production, average price received by farmers and gross income, 22 States, 1962 and change from 1961 1/

State	Number produced in 1962		Pounds produced in 1962		Price per pound		Gross income in 1962	
	Reported	Change from 1961	Reported	Change from 1961	1961	1962	Reported	Change from 1961
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Ct.	Ct.	Mil. dol.	Mil. dol.
Georgia	353.6	+5.4	1,166.9	-17.0	13.2	14.4	168.0	+11.8
Arkansas	240.6	+11.5	769.8	+36.7	12.9	14.5	111.6	+17.0
Alabama	214.5	+16.5	708.0	+34.6	13.0	14.5	102.7	+15.1
North Carolina	197.5	+11.2	671.6	+38.0	13.0	14.3	96.0	+13.7
Mississippi	138.1	+2.3	455.7	+7.6	12.9	15.1	68.8	+11.0
Maryland	118.0	+11.1	448.4	+52.8	14.9	16.3	73.1	+14.1
Texas	125.7	+2.5	414.7	+8.4	13.6	15.1	62.6	+7.4
Delaware	91.3	+1.8	346.9	+15.7	14.9	16.3	56.5	+7.2
Maine	62.0	+3.5	241.8	+13.7	15.9	17.0	41.1	+4.8
California	60.4	-2.3	211.4	-14.2	15.4	17.0	35.9	+1.2
Pennsylvania	37.8	-1.1	147.4	-0.2	16.9	17.5	25.8	+0.8
Virginia	48.1	-4.2	144.4	-17.8	14.0	15.9	23.0	+0.3
Missouri	37.1	-5.5	126.1	-10.2	13.8	14.3	18.0	-0.8
Indiana	32.5	-6.0	107.2	-23.6	13.5	15.1	16.2	-1.5
Louisiana	24.0	-0.9	79.3	-3.1	13.1	14.6	11.6	+0.8
West Virginia	20.6	-2.5	70.0	-8.6	14.1	16.0	11.2	+0.1
South Carolina	20.1	2/	68.4	+0.1	13.5	14.6	10.0	+0.8
Washington	14.7	-1.2	53.1	-1.2	16.6	17.5	9.3	+0.3
Connecticut	14.0	-6.0	51.7	-20.2	15.7	16.6	8.6	-2.7
Florida	11.9	-0.4	37.9	-1.2	13.5	14.6	5.5	+0.3
Oregon	9.7	-2.0	33.8	-5.7	16.6	17.5	5.9	-0.6
Illinois	3.1	-2.0	10.9	-6.6	14.4	15.1	1.6	-0.9
Total	1,875.3	+31.7	6,365.4	+77.9	13.7	15.1	963.2	+100.2

1/ States having weekly chick placement reports. Data for 1962 is preliminary.
2/ Increase less than 0.05 million.

From 1961 to 1962, most changes in liveweight broiler production by States were relatively small. Maryland showed the largest increase, 53 million pounds, and Indiana the largest decrease, 24 million pounds. Only 9 of the 22 States produced more broiler meat in 1962 than in 1961. The significant increases were confined to 8 States, all of which were among the 9 top-ranking States. Maryland, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Alabama recorded the greatest gains.

The average price received for the 1962 production in the 22 States was 15.1 cents per pound liveweight--1.4 cents above the 1961 average. Gross income from production totaled $963 million compared with $863 million in 1961.

Higher Broiler Prices Than in 1962 Likely in Second Quarter

In the 3 months ending this February, U. S. farm prices for broilers averaged 15.0 cents per pound compared with 15.9 cents in the same months a year earlier or a decline of 6 percent. Considering that Federally inspected slaughter of young chickens (liveweight) during this period showed a 14-percent increase, broiler prices were well maintained.

Because of lower prices and higher production expenses since last fall, the seasonal rise in broiler production has been arrested in recent months. Federally inspected broiler slaughter in the 4 weeks ending March 6 was above a year earlier by only 8 percent compared with 24 percent in January and 17 percent last December. From December 1962 through February 1963 broiler-feed price ratios were at record-low levels for these months. For the 3 months, they averaged 3.1 compared with 3.4 for the same period a year earlier. Prices paid for broiler chicks also were higher, averaging 10.8 cents each or 1 cent higher than in December 1961-February 1962. Recent hatchery activity suggests that the number of broilers going to market in March, April, and May may closely approximate volumes in these same months last year. About the same number of broiler chicks were hatched in January and February as a year earlier, and eggs in incubators on March 1 were down 6 percent.

Broiler prices to producers in major southern production areas in mid-March were quoted mostly at $14\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound, about $\frac{1}{2}$ cent lower than both a year earlier and mid-February. However, prices may exceed the 1962 level in the second quarter, because the strong demand for broilers evident in recent months is likely to continue and production will remain close to year-earlier levels. Somewhat higher prices appear likely despite the prospect for greater competition than in 1962 from larger supplies of pork and beef and smaller broiler exports stemming from the Common Market trade regulations.

Relatively favorable prices to broiler producers in the second quarter, however, may encourage an expansion in production above the 1962 level in the second half of 1963. If the increase is large, prices could drop below a year earlier late in 1963. Around mid-year, broiler hatching eggs may be a little more plentiful than in mid-1962. Even though fewer pullet chicks than a year-earlier have been placed domestically for broiler hatchery supply flocks in

recent months, the indicated size of the Nation's broiler hatchery flock will be increasing relative to a year ago through July because of increased placements in the preceding months. Pullet chicks placed domestically between July 1962 and February 1963 totaled 17.3 million compared with 16.4 million in the same months a year earlier. See table 20.

Sharply Reduced Broiler Exports to Common Market

Total U. S. poultry exports reached a new high in 1962. This occurred in the first half of the year, partly in anticipation of the imposition of new trade regulations by the Common Market. After mid-1962, these regulations greatly curtailed U. S. broiler sales to Europe. In 1962, exports of fresh and frozen broilers totaled 173 million pounds compared with 149 million in 1961. Turkey exports climbed to 37 million pounds in 1962, up from 28 million the year before.

The new EEC trade regulations had a much more severe effect on broiler exports than on turkey exports. Such a development would be expected, because turkey production within the Common Market and in Denmark is negligible. Total broiler exports in the second half of 1962 dropped to 66 million pounds compared with 107 million in the first half and 91 million in July-December 1961. Turkey exports were up from a year earlier by 7 million pounds in the first half and by 2 million in the second half of 1962. These changes were brought about almost entirely by developments in the Common Market; exports to other countries showed little year-to-year change in the last 6 months of 1962. See table 22. In 1962, the EEC accounted for 113 million pounds or 65 percent of total U. S. broiler exports and 29 million pounds or 78 percent of turkey exports. West Germany alone took 93 million pounds of broilers and 25 million pounds of turkeys.

After falling sharply from 25 million pounds in June 1962 to 10 million in July, shipments of broilers to the Common Market worked irregularly lower to 2½ million pounds in December. In January, total exports to all countries were negligible, the result of the maritime strike which tied up shipping from Maine to Texas for practically the whole month. The strike was settled by the end of January, so some pickup in exports, especially for turkeys, has occurred since.

The situation in West Germany, our principal foreign poultry market in 1962, illustrates the impact of the new EEC trade regulations. Total levies against U. S. chicken increased from less than 5 cents per pound in early 1962 to about 12½ cents in early 1963. Costs to West German importers were inflated by like amounts and were only very slightly offset by a decrease in the CIF price (landed price prior to payment of duties). Importers' total cost for broilers rose from 37 cents per pound to 44 and for turkeys from 41 cents to 52. However, because wholesale prices for U. S. broilers in West Germany increased much less than costs to importers, or only from 40 cents per pound in early 1962 to 45 cents in early 1963, the price margin for importers there was reduced to about 1 cent per pound in early 1963 from about 3 cents in early 1962. U. S. broiler exports to West Germany have declined because it has become less profitable for importers to buy our birds. With a reduced price incentive after

mid-1962, these importers tended to buy supplies from other member countries of the EEC or from Denmark--or draw on the large accumulation of U. S. poultry that had been acquired in anticipation of the new trade regulations.

Following the imposition of the new poultry trade regulations, retail and wholesale prices for U. S. broilers in West Germany did not rise as rapidly as expected earlier. Consequently, these regulations had a much more restrictive impact on U. S. exports than anticipated. In recent months, retail broiler prices in West Germany have risen further above prices a year earlier but at a rather slow rate. Retail prices moved above a year-earlier level for the first time in October 1962 and in January 1963, at about 58 cents per pound, were up about 3 cents from January 1962. The continuation of this trend would be favorable for U. S. broiler exports, but current prospects are for the volume of such exports to remain much below a year ago over the next several months.

Stable Turkey Prices Seen for First Half

Turkey prices to U. S. producers in mid-February averaged 22.2 cents per pound, up from 19.3 cents in February 1962. Prices have been quite stable since October 1962, varying between 21.9 cents and 23.1 cents. This stability is likely to continue during the next several months, which will mean higher prices than a year ago. Turkey supplies during this period will be less plentiful than in the same months of 1962, reflecting smaller cold-storage holdings and reduced turkey slaughter from current production. The price level at this time of the year also is affected by the main poult hatch; but the year-to-year increase in the hatch this year probably will not be great enough to influence prices much.

Because of higher turkey prices which have restricted consumption, the movement of frozen turkey out of storage since the beginning of the year has been proceeding more slowly than in early 1962. Frozen turkey stocks on March 1 totaled 177 million pounds compared with 203 million on January 1 and 219 million on March 1, 1962. In the first 2 months of 1963, out-of-storage movement totaled 26 million pounds, 18 million less than in January-February 1962. Through February 27, Federally inspected turkey slaughter totaled 64 million pounds compared with 65 million in the same period of 1962.

A sample survey conducted by the Institute of American Poultry Industries, in cooperation with the National Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, revealed that the February 1 cold-storage holdings were distributed by classes as follows: Toms, 77 percent; hens, 19 percent; and broiler-fryers, 4 percent. A year earlier the breakdown was: Toms, 73 percent; hens, 23 percent; and broiler-fryers, 4 percent.

1963 Turkey Crop Indicators Mixed

The 3.9 million turkey breeder hens on farms January 1, the same number as a year earlier, means that the industry has the potential to substantially expand output in 1963. Last year the breeder flock was under-utilized. Only 23.7 turkeys were raised per breeder hen compared with 24.9 in 1961 and a

record 25.5 in 1960. Thus, the present breeder flock could probably support at least a 10-percent increase in production in 1963.

On the other hand, turkey growers revealed plans in January to raise only 3 percent more birds than in 1962. Considering that holdings of frozen turkey are above average, growers' intentions appear to be closely in line with the expected production response to the 1962 farm price of 21.6 cents per pound. A factor that will tend to limit expansion of turkey output in 1963 is higher feed prices this year than last. In mid-February, the average value of poultry ration was $3.54 per hundred pounds compared with $3.38 per hundred pounds in February 1962. Feed prices may remain higher throughout the current crop year.

Between September 1962 and February 1963, the number of poults hatched totaled 17 million or 1 million less than in the same period a year earlier. Of the 101 million poults hatched between September 1, 1961 and August 31, 1962, only 18 million were hatched by the end of February. In February 1963, the hatch, at 8 million poults, moved above a year earlier, and eggs in incubators on March 1 were up 8 percent. Continuation of the trend toward raising an increasing proportion of white-feathered birds is not yet evident in the hatch data. The combined hatch of heavy white breeds and light breeds in the 6 months ending February 28 was down 1 million or 8 percent from a year earlier, while the hatch of other heavy breeds was up 5 percent.

Growers in all regions of the country intended in January to raise more turkey this year than in 1962, except in the West and North Atlantic Regions. In the West, intentions were to raise 7 percent fewer turkeys. No change was indicated in the North Atlantic Region. The intended changes generally were in line with regional trends since 1955. The West, one of the fastest growing turkey areas in the country, was the exception. In 1962, the West raised almost as many turkeys as in 1961, while the East North Central and West North Central Regions combined cut production 20 percent. Consequently, turkey prices increased much less in the West than in the Midwest between 1961 and 1962. See table 30.

SRS Publishes New Statistical Series on Processed Poultry

Poultry marketers have helped to build the increasing demand for convenience foods during the past several years by offering American consumers many different easy-to-use products. Today, nearly all chicken and turkey are being offered to food purchasers as ready-to-cook poultry. In addition, a large and increasing proportion of poultry, mainly broilers, is being marketed as cut up whole birds or as parts. And more and more poultry is being canned and frozen. Only 2 decades ago, much of our poultry was retailed as New York dressed, with only the blood and feathers removed.

Probably over half of all young chickens are now cut up before they are sold at retail. Although most of this work is performed at grocery stores, there has been a trend in recent years for more of it to be done at slaughtering plants where per hour labor costs are generally lower. Now for the first time

official data are being published on the quantities of poultry cut up and packaged in plants operating under Federal inspection. Because about 83 percent of all poultry in 1962 was slaughtered in Federally inspected plants, this new series of estimates is highly representative.

The new data were first released by the Statistical Reporting Service on March 4, 1963, in the monthly report entitled: Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection and Poultry Used in Canning and other Processed Foods. The data showed that in 1962 a total of 713 million pounds of poultry was cut up and packaged under Federal inspection. This included 662 million pounds of young chickens, 37 million pounds of turkey, and 12 million pounds of mature chickens. As a percentage of Federally certified slaughter, young chickens cut up and packaged at slaughtering plants in 1962 were 15 percent; turkeys and mature chickens were each 3 percent.

Poultry and Egg Statistics for Hawaii and Alaska

The Statistical Reporting Service recently published statistics on chickens and eggs for Hawaii and Alaska. Tables 2, 3, and 4 show all of the data currently available for the 2 States, except layer numbers and rate of lay as of the first of the month. In the near future, chicken and egg production for both Hawaii and Alaska will be included in all poultry reports published by SRS. The official statistics for these States will begin with 1961 or 1962. Because turkey production is very small, no data for this commodity are currently being published for the 2 States nor are any now contemplated.

The next issue of the Poultry and Egg Situation is scheduled for release May 29, 1963

Table 2.--Hawaii and Alaska: Layers and egg production, by months, 1961 to date

Month and year	Number of layers on hand 1/			Eggs per 100 layers			Total eggs produced		
	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	No.	No.	No.	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs
Hawaii:									
January	696	717	770	1,753	1,827	1,779	12.2	13.1	13.7
February	702	722	770	1,638	1,676	1,649	11.5	12.1	12.7
March	707	735		1,867	1,864		13.2	13.7	
April	707	745		1,810	1,785		12.8	13.3	
May	706	751		1,856	1,824		13.1	13.7	
June	713	753		1,767	1,753		12.6	13.2	
July	720	753		1,806	1,780		13.0	13.4	
August	720	755		1,806	1,788		13.0	13.5	
September	720	757		1,750	1,731		12.6	13.1	
October	722	771		1,787	1,751		12.9	13.5	
November	720	782		1,694	1,662		12.2	13.0	
December	718	776		1,769	1,740		12.7	13.5	
Year	713	751		---	---		152	159	
Alaska:									
February	---	29	31	---	1,515	1,406	---	0.4	0.4

1/ Average number on hand during month or year.

Chickens and eggs, layers and egg production, monthly, 1961-62, Pou 2-4.

Table 3.--Hawaii and Alaska: Inventory of chickens on farms, total value all chickens, and value per head, January 1, 1962 and 1963

State	Number on farms, total and by classes								Total value all chickens		Value per head all chickens	
	Hens		Pullets		Other chickens		All chickens					
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Hawaii	192	194	696	759	161	208	1,049	1,161	2,308	2,554	2.20	2.20
Alaska	17	15	17	21	1	1	35	37	84	81	2.40	2.20

Livestock and Poultry Inventory, January 1, LvGn (63).

Table 4.--Hawaii: Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries, by months, 1962 to date

Month	Broiler-type		Egg-type		All chicks		Month	Broiler-type		Egg-type		All chicks	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963		1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
January	117	116	91	91	208	207	August	133		106		239	
February	89	101	97	110	186	211	September	120		79		199	
March	96		125		221		October	116		99		215	
April	113		114		227		November	121		119		240	
May	132		105		237		December	98		104		202	
June	103		92		195								
July	107		86		193		Year	1,345		1,217		2,562	

Hatchery Production, Pou 1-1-1 (3-63).

Table 5.--Egg prices, selected dates, 1963, with comparisons

Item	Unit	1962					1963		
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	April 16	May 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
		Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
U. S. average price received by farmers	Dozen	35.4	36.2	33.0	31.5	28.9	36.5	37.3	
Iowa, prices received by farmers 1/:									
Grade A, Large	do.	27-28	28-30	25-26	25-26	21-22	29-31	30-31	30-31
Grade A, Medium	do.	20-22	24-26	21-22	18-21	16-18	23-25	25-28	25-27
New York, wholesale prices									
Extras, mixed colors 2/									
Large, 65-70 percent A	do.	38-39	38-39	34½-35½	36-37½	29½-31	39½-40½	39-40	38½-39½
Medium, 55-60 percent A	do.	35-36	36-37	29½-30½	28-29	23-24	36½-37½	37-38	37-38
Minimum 10 percent AA, white 3/									
Large	do.	40-44	39½-43½	36-40	38½-42½	29½-33	42-45	40½-43½	39½-42½
Medium	do.	36½-28½	36½-38½	29½-31½	29½-31½	24-26	37½-39½	37-39	37-39
Small (pullets)	do.	31-32	33-34	24½-25½	22-23	20-21	34-35	34-35	31-32
Frozen egg 4/									
Mixed whole egg, dark colored	Pound	30-32	29-31½	29-31	27½-29½	26-28½	28-30	30½-32	31-33
Yolk 5/	do.	60-65	60-64	60-64	58-61	58-59	60-61	62-63	62-64
Albumen	do.	11¼-12½	14-15½	12½-13	10½-11½	10¼-12	13-14½	15½-16½	15-16½
Chicago									
Wholesale price, f.o.b.									
60-79.9%, A, weighted average									
Mixed colors, extras, Large	Dozen	34.62	32.01	32.16	32.86	27.00	36.64	37.59	34.89
Medium	do.	33.17	30.62	29.74	28.61	24.50	35.15	36.61	34.96
Future contracts:									
September delivery (closing price)	do.	33.25	32.35	33.25	32.65	32.80	33.95	34.05	33.60-55
San Francisco, price to retailers, cartoned									
Grade AA, Large	do.	46-52	46-52	39-45	37-43	33-39	40-46	43-49	40-46
Grade AA, Medium	do.	42-49	40-48	32-40	30-38	25-32	36-44	39-47	34-41

1/ "Mostly," except where otherwise stated.
2/ Midwestern.
3/ Nearby.
4/ Carlots, price for week including specified date.
5/ Highest color quoted.

Table 6.--Shell eggs: Per capita consumption and prices, by months, United States, 1955 to date

Item and year	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total or average 1/	Processed 2/	Total shell and processed
Consumption																
1955	Egg	31.2	27.9	30.9	29.0	28.4	26.8	27.3	27.4	27.2	29.3	29.8	31.2	346	25	371
1956	do.	30.8	28.8	31.1	28.6	27.6	25.9	27.7	27.1	27.2	29.0	29.3	31.4	345	24	369
1957	do.	30.5	27.2	30.2	28.2	27.6	25.7	26.7	26.9	26.4	27.7	27.8	30.0	335	27	362
1958	do.	29.4	25.5	29.6	27.6	26.8	25.0	26.4	26.6	26.1	27.8	28.2	29.2	328	26	354
1959	do.	29.0	25.5	29.0	26.4	26.2	24.4	25.6	25.6	25.1	26.7	26.6	28.4	319	33	352
1960	do.	27.5	24.7	27.6	26.5	24.9	23.1	24.8	24.4	24.0	25.3	25.5	26.8	305	29	334
1961	do.	26.1	23.2	26.1	25.2	24.5	22.5	24.1	24.0	23.7	24.9	24.8	26.4	295	30	325
1962	do.	26.1	23.3	26.3	25.0	24.7	22.3	23.3	23.6	23.4	24.9	24.8	25.3	293	30	323
1963	do.	25.0														
Price received by farmers, per dozen																
1955	Cent	32.6	40.2	40.1	36.1	34.1	34.3	35.9	41.0	45.5	44.1	44.0	47.7	39.5		
1956	do.	47.0	40.8	40.0	39.0	38.2	36.9	37.3	37.9	39.8	39.0	38.0	37.5	39.3		
1957	do.	33.9	33.4	31.2	31.2	29.6	29.8	33.0	37.1	41.1	44.1	46.2	44.9	35.9		
1958	do.	39.6	37.6	41.5	38.7	37.0	35.4	37.0	38.0	42.0	39.3	39.2	37.4	38.5		
1959	do.	37.1	36.2	34.3	28.5	25.4	25.4	30.6	31.3	33.2	32.0	31.8	31.4	31.4		
1960	do.	30.4	29.8	32.8	36.3	33.1	31.5	32.0	34.7	39.0	43.8	46.1	44.6	36.0		
1961	do.	39.4	39.4	36.7	33.4	32.1	31.0	34.2	35.1	35.5	37.0	36.0	35.2	35.4		
1962	do.	35.4	36.2	33.0	31.5	28.9	28.2	29.5	32.5	36.2	36.3	36.6	36.4			
1963	do.	36.5	37.3													
Retail price, per dozen, (ERS)																
1955	do.	50.1	57.8	59.0	53.3	51.6	51.5	55.0	61.4	64.4	64.1	62.4	66.2	58.1		
1956	do.	65.5	58.0	58.1	56.5	55.6	54.0	55.9	56.8	58.9	59.5	57.5	56.2	57.7		
1957	do.	52.0	52.5	49.5	48.9	47.2	46.0	51.9	56.0	61.0	65.3	64.3	64.0	54.9		
1958	do.	59.3	55.7	61.9	57.2	54.9	52.9	55.3	57.2	64.6	60.0	58.9	56.4	57.9		
1959	do.	56.4	54.7	53.0	46.6	43.7	42.4	50.4	51.0	54.8	53.3	52.1	51.1	50.8		
1960	do.	49.6	47.2	48.5	54.1	51.3	49.4	49.5	52.8	59.2	65.7	65.1	66.3	54.9		
1961	do.	62.1	59.4	56.6	52.0	50.2	49.5	53.9	52.5	55.7	58.1	55.0	54.3	54.9		
1962	do.	55.3	56.1	52.7	49.5	47.4	44.6	46.4	48.2	55.4,	56.1	54.2	55.8	51.8		
1963	do.	57.4														

1/ Monthly totals do not necessarily add to yearly figures due to rounding.

2/ Liquid, frozen. and dried egg (egg solids) converted to shell egg equivalent.

Table 7.--Shell eggs: Storage stocks, first of the month, United States, 1952 to date; selected storage centers, beginning of the week, April 1962 to date

Year or week	United States, first of the month											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases	Mil. cases
1952	0.1	0.2	0.9	1.6	2.2	3.2	3.4	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.0	0.4
1953	.2	.1	.2	.4	.8	1.4	1.5	1.2	.8	.5	.3	.1
1954	.1	.1	.1	.4	.7	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.0	.8	.6	.3
1955	.2	.2	.3	.5	1.2	2.1	2.3	2.2	1.7	1.1	.8	.3
1956	.1	.3	.3	.3	.6	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.0	.7	.6	.5
1957	.3	.3	.5	.9	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.2	.9	.6	.3
1958	.2	.2	.1	.1	.3	.7	.9	.7	.5	.3	.2	.1
1959	.1	.1	.1	.1	.5	1.0	1.1	.9	.7	.6	.5	.3
1960	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.8	1.1	1.0	.7	.5	.3	.1
1961	.1	.1	1/	.1	.1	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	.1	.1
1962	1/	1/	1/	.1	.1	.3	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2
1963	.1	.1	1/									
	Selected storage centers, beginning of the week											
Weeks	1963			1962								
First	0.1	1/	1/	1/	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Second	.1	1/	1/	1/	.1	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Third	.1	1/	1/	1/	.1	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Fourth	.1	1/		1/	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Fifth				1/			.3			.2		.1

1/ Less than 0.05.

Table 8.--Frozen egg: Storage stocks, first of the month, United States, 1952 to date; selected storage centers, beginning of the week, April 1962 to date

Year or week	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	United States, first of the month											
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
1952	67	53	61	84	111	146	166	163	144	124	95	72
1953	50	35	42	65	99	132	160	153	133	110	87	61
1954	42	38	42	92	136	167	186	181	161	139	118	95
1955	75	66	63	84	126	171	194	195	180	155	128	101
1956	74	51	42	61	95	140	172	177	168	152	132	109
1957	87	75	66	78	108	140	167	177	165	147	124	99
1958	75	64	60	53	68	101	134	140	134	117	94	73
1959	57	47	46	55	85	119	149	152	149	135	119	96
1960	79	75	78	81	90	122	157	166	158	140	114	87
1961	64	54	49	54	67	92	113	113	108	100	86	70
1962	61	49	40	48	60	85	111	122	120	113	98	77
1963	61	47	38									
	Selected storage centers, beginning of the week											
Weeks	1963			1962								
First	42	31	24	33	45	60	83	92	90	82	68	54
Second	39	30	23	36	48	67	86	92	89	81	65	51
Third	37	28	23	38	51	72	88	92	87	77	62	48
Fourth	34	27		40	56	77	90	92	85	73	58	45
Fifth				42			91			70		44

Table 9.--Factors in monthly supply of shell eggs, 1960 to date

Year and item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases
1960													
Eggs produced on farms	15,092	14,319	15,542	15,356	15,753	14,442	13,936	13,344	12,672	13,117	13,144	14,092	170,809
Shell eggs to storage	116	41	-164	118	454	357	-81	-283	-263	-214	-173	-20	-112
Eggs broken commercially 1/	853	1,297	1,240	1,280	2,521	2,247	1,034	919	499	476	258	359	12,983
Eggs used for hatching	767	963	1,080	1,180	917	780	667	607	620	623	690	781	9,675
Balance	13,356	12,018	13,386	12,778	11,861	11,058	12,316	12,101	11,816	12,232	12,369	12,972	148,263
Government purchases:													
Dried 2/	255	248	202	116	25	---	376	282	222	29	8	---	1,763
1961													
Eggs produced on farms	14,394	13,617	15,831	15,394	15,467	14,289	14,033	13,597	13,100	13,803	13,828	14,653	172,006
Shell eggs to storage	4	-31	2	27	160	127	-51	-34	-55	-80	-62	-44	-37
Eggs broken commercially 1/	792	797	1,100	1,726	2,088	1,977	1,302	1,059	772	801	790	786	13,990
Eggs used for hatching	861	1,155	1,260	1,167	910	823	731	635	621	627	677	779	10,246
Balance	12,737	11,696	13,469	12,474	12,309	11,362	12,051	11,937	11,762	12,455	12,423	13,132	147,807
Government purchases:													
Dried 2/	---	345	642	186	421	382	108	---	---	---	---	---	2,084
1962													
Eggs produced on farms	14,708	13,736	15,961	15,653	15,872	14,656	14,395	13,919	13,439	14,114	13,947	14,561	174,961
Shell eggs to storage	-10	9	18	-4	270	75	-54	-93	-23	9	-74	-45	78
Eggs broken commercially 1/	812	938	1,457	1,562	2,277	2,230	1,713	1,238	815	704	584	534	14,865
Eggs used for hatching	788	1,088	1,187	1,143	890	810	733	688	729	729	725	790	10,300
Balance	13,118	11,701	13,299	12,952	12,435	11,541	12,003	12,086	11,918	12,672	12,712	13,282	149,718
Government purchases:													
Dried 2/	---	---	112	340	278	338	138	---	---	---	---	---	1,205
1963													
Eggs produced on farms	14,369	13,333											
Shell eggs to storage	-53	-33											
Eggs broken commercially 1/	650												
Eggs used for hatching	805	1,048											
Balance	12,967												
Government purchases:													
Dried 2/	---	---											

1/ Excluding equivalent of Government purchases of dried or frozen egg.
2/ Shell equivalent.

Table 10.--Egg future contracts: Highest and lowest price per dozen, by months, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, 1960-62 contracts and 1963 contracts to date

Year and month	Contracts by month in which contract is deliverable 1/				
	September	October	November	December	January
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1959					
October	35.35-33.75	27.35-24.80	28.45-26.00	29.30-27.25	29.45-27.90
November	34.95-34.10	35.20-34.45	26.55-24.50	27.85-25.00	28.45-25.80
December	36.60-33.85	36.55-34.25		26.00-23.25	28.50-25.05
1960					
January	35.80-33.10	35.75-33.30			25.80-21.60
February	34.10-32.45	34.30-32.60	34.75-33.05		
March	36.00-33.15	36.65-33.50	36.50-34.05	36.45-34.45	
April	37.95-35.55	37.85-35.70	37.65-35.65	36.70-35.30	36.00-34.75
May	38.60-35.55	38.60-35.70	38.60-36.30	38.30-35.85	37.65-35.50
June	35.70-31.45	35.90-32.25	36.55-32.60	36.80-32.50	35.85-31.25
July	34.95-30.95	35.85-31.65	36.10-32.50	35.90-32.65	34.05-31.90
August	34.65-29.25	35.55-30.20	36.25-31.20	35.40-31.25	34.00-31.00
September	35.45-32.40	37.60-33.55	38.45-34.50	38.00-33.45	36.25-32.50
October	38.50-35.35	38.90-35.45	39.60-36.50	39.65-36.90	38.40-35.45
November	37.00-35.75	37.25-36.05	45.75-37.75	45.50-43.15	42.00-37.05
December	36.35-34.70	36.55-34.90		45.25-39.40	40.55-36.90
1961					
January	38.15-34.75	38.35-34.95	38.50-35.05		37.65-34.50
February	38.70-35.50	38.50-35.25	38.75-35.20	38.45-34.65	38.00-34.25
March	36.35-32.70	36.05-32.85	35.90-33.10	35.60-32.95	34.25-32.30
April	37.00-33.40	36.65-33.25	36.20-33.20	35.75-32.85	34.10-32.35
May	37.15-34.60	37.10-34.30	36.75-34.25	36.30-34.00	34.55-33.35
June	37.75-36.25	37.15-35.70	36.40-34.85	36.00-34.90	34.90-34.00
July	38.30-35.20	37.85-34.75	37.10-34.55	36.45-34.10	35.25-32.75
August	38.45-35.60	38.25-35.30	37.65-35.05	36.35-34.90	35.25-33.75
September	36.35-34.55	36.80-34.85	36.35-34.55	35.50-33.60	34.50-33.10
October	35.00-33.45	38.85-34.15	35.55-33.75	34.25-32.80	33.35-32.15
November	33.70-31.90	33.85-32.00	35.85-31.75	33.75-29.90	32.95-28.80
December	32.75-32.05	32.90-32.15	33.00-32.40	32.55-29.70	31.20-28.60
1962					
January	34.60-32.15	34.30-32.40	34.05-32.60	33.35-32.80	36.25-29.70
February	33.75-31.75	33.70-31.65	33.45-31.55	32.70-31.60	
March	33.50-31.80	33.45-31.80	33.10-31.70	32.50-31.75	
April	32.70-31.75	33.00-32.00	33.20-31.95	32.90-31.90	
May	33.10-30.40	33.60-30.70	34.30-31.30	34.50-31.55	33.85-31.35
June	31.45-30.10	31.90-30.50	32.65-31.20	33.05-31.50	32.25-31.35
July	32.15-30.50	32.45-30.85	33.20-31.50	33.20-31.70	33.00-31.70
August	34.85-31.70	35.40-32.05	35.50-32.85	34.95-32.85	33.60-32.50
September	39.00-33.10	39.60-33.60	37.70-33.95	35.75-33.85	34.65-33.05
October	34.25-32.75	39.65-36.00	37.35-29.45	35.50-29.35	34.50-29.80
November	33.45-32.25	33.40-32.50	32.35-29.25	31.15-29.50	31.30-29.55
December	33.75-32.65	33.60-32.75	33.05-33.00	33.85-29.70	32.75-30.10
1963					
January	34.45-33.10	34.20-33.00	33.90-33.00	33.30-33.30	35.75-30.50
February	34.45-33.50	34.20-33.20	33.75-33.10	33.50-32.75	----
March 2/	33.60-55	33.30	33.25	32.80B	----

1/ Underlined areas in series of numbers denote change in year of contract.
2/ Closing price as of March 15. B bid

Table 11.--U.S.D.A. purchases of dried and frozen egg, 1958-62

Period	Purchases: By weight: For the period	Purchases: By weight: Cumulative	Purchases: Case equivalent: For the period	Purchases: Case equivalent: Cumulative	Top price per pound 1/	Cost of purchases: For the period	Cost of purchases: Cumulative
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	Dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
(a) Annual purchases of dried egg solids for school lunches and other eligible outlets							
1958	4,162	---	411	---	1.23	5,087	---
1959 2/	19,403	---	1,914	---	1.24	21,883	---
1960	19,048	---	1,905	---	1.14	20,700	---
1961	22,508	---	2,084	---	1.37	27,120	---
(b) Monthly purchases of frozen mixed egg for later drying 3/							
1959							
June	1,380	1,380	35	35	0.24	333	333
July	2,730	4,110	69	104	.24	668	1,001
(c) Monthly purchases of dried whole egg for distribution to the needy							
1961							
February	3,726	3,726	345	345	1.37	5,084	5,084
March	6,931	10,658	642	987	1.30	8,211	13,294
April	2,012	12,670	186	1,173	1.17	2,345	15,639
May	4,546	17,216	421	1,594	1.17	5,305	20,943
June	4,124	21,340	382	1,976	1.17	4,814	25,757
July	1,168	22,508	108	2,084	1.17	1,363	27,120
(d) Weekly purchases of dried whole egg for school lunches and institutional use							
1962							
March 22	540	540	50.0	50	1.11	597	597
29	675	1,215	62.5	112	1.11	719	1,317
April 5	1,323	2,538	122.5	235	1.05	1,372	2,689
12	621	3,159	57.5	292	1.05	649	3,338
19	513	3,672	47.5	340	1.03	529	3,868
26	1,215	4,887	112.5	452	1.02	1,229	5,096
May 3	891	5,778	82.5	535	1.02	902	5,999
10	918	6,696	85.0	620	1.02	937	6,936
17	648	7,344	60.0	680	1.02	662	7,598
24	540	7,884	50.0	730	1.02	553	8,151
June 1	999	8,883	92.5	822	1.02	1,022	9,173
8	945	9,828	87.5	910	1.04	967	10,140
15	783	10,611	72.5	982	1.02	802	10,942
22	162	10,773	15.0	998	1.02	166	11,107
29	756	11,529	70.0	1,068	1.01	757	11,864
July 6	783	12,312	72.5	1,140	.98	760	12,624
13	702	13,014	65.0	1,205	.96	673	13,297
Program terminated as of July 13							

1/ Rounded to the nearest cent.

2/ Surplus removal program began with week ending April 23.

3/ Program began June 18 and ended as of July 16.

Table 12.--Number of layers on farms, rate of egg production, and total egg output on farms, by months, January 1956 to date

Item and year	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		(a) Average for the month											
Average number of layers on farms													
1956	Million	332	325	316	305	295	286	282	289	307	323	332	336
1957	do.	333	325	316	305	294	284	280	286	300	313	321	324
1958	do.	321	314	307	299	290	284	282	288	301	315	324	329
1959	do.	327	321	316	308	297	286	281	286	299	311	317	319
1960	do.	316	309	302	295	288	281	276	277	285	295	303	308
1961	do.	305	300	296	291	285	281	278	281	292	302	308	311
1962	do.	309	306	302	296	290	284	282	285	294	302	307	307
1963	do.	305	301										
Eggs laid per 100 layers													
1956	Eggs	1,561	1,585	1,832	1,839	1,891	1,746	1,695	1,589	1,457	1,497	1,466	1,566
1957	do.	1,606	1,543	1,862	1,872	1,919	1,772	1,718	1,621	1,491	1,489	1,459	1,588
1958	do.	1,664	1,537	1,806	1,861	1,933	1,796	1,757	1,660	1,530	1,564	1,548	1,632
1959	do.	1,676	1,612	1,908	1,911	1,963	1,828	1,798	1,701	1,565	1,580	1,542	1,661
1960	do.	1,719	1,667	1,851	1,873	1,969	1,850	1,816	1,736	1,601	1,600	1,561	1,649
1961	do.	1,699	1,634	1,923	1,903	1,952	1,833	1,815	1,739	1,616	1,645	1,617	1,697
1962	do.	1,712	1,618	1,902	1,901	1,972	1,859	1,840	1,757	1,646	1,680	1,637	1,706
1963	do.	1,698	1,593										
Total monthly egg production	Million cases												
1956		14.4	14.3	16.1	15.6	15.5	13.8	13.3	12.8	12.4	13.5	13.5	14.6
1957	do.	14.9	13.9	16.3	15.9	15.7	14.0	13.3	12.9	12.4	13.0	13.0	14.3
1958	do.	14.8	13.4	15.4	15.4	15.6	14.2	13.8	13.2	12.8	13.7	13.9	14.9
1959	do.	15.2	14.4	16.7	16.3	16.2	14.5	14.1	13.5	13.0	13.6	13.6	14.7
1960	do.	15.1	14.3	15.5	15.4	15.8	14.4	13.9	13.3	12.7	13.1	13.1	14.1
1961	do.	14.4	13.6	15.8	15.4	15.5	14.3	14.0	13.6	13.1	13.8	13.8	14.7
1962	do.	14.7	13.7	16.0	15.7	15.9	14.7	14.4	13.9	13.4	14.1	13.9	14.6
1963	do.	14.4	13.3										
		(b) First-of-month											
Number of layers on farms													
1956	Million	334	329	322	310	300	290	281	282	296	317	329	335
1957	do.	337	328	321	310	300	289	279	280	292	309	317	324
1958	do.	324	317	311	304	294	286	281	283	292	309	320	329
1959	do.	330	324	319	312	303	291	281	282	291	306	315	319
1960	do.	319	313	306	299	292	284	278	275	279	291	299	307
1961	do.	308	302	298	295	288	283	279	278	285	299	305	310
1962	do.	312	307	304	300	293	286	281	282	288	300	305	308
1963	do.	307	303	300									
Eggs laid per 100 layers													
1956	Eggs	48.6	52.0	57.4	60.8	61.8	60.3	56.1	53.2	49.3	47.9	48.6	49.1
1957	do.	51.8	51.9	58.3	61.9	63.0	60.8	57.3	53.5	51.0	48.4	47.8	49.6
1958	do.	52.9	54.5	55.3	60.8	63.2	61.5	58.2	55.1	52.0	50.0	50.9	52.4
1959	do.	52.9	55.2	59.9	63.2	64.0	62.6	59.3	56.6	53.1	51.3	50.7	52.2
1960	do.	54.9	56.0	58.9	60.6	64.2	62.9	60.0	57.3	54.7	52.0	51.2	52.8
1961	do.	53.6	55.9	60.8	63.2	63.6	62.4	60.0	57.3	54.9	52.9	53.3	54.5
1962	do.	55.0	55.4	60.2	62.6	64.2	63.1	60.9	57.8	55.4	54.3	54.1	55.0
1963	do.	55.0	54.6	59.1									
Daily rate of egg production	Million eggs												
1956		162	171	185	189	186	175	158	150	146	152	160	164
1957	do.	175	170	187	192	189	176	160	150	149	150	152	161
1958	do.	171	173	172	185	186	176	164	156	152	155	163	172
1959	do.	175	179	191	198	194	182	167	159	155	157	160	166
1960	do.	175	175	180	181	187	179	167	157	153	151	153	162
1961	do.	165	169	181	186	183	176	167	159	156	158	163	169
1962	do.	171	170	183	188	188	181	171	163	160	163	165	169
1963	do.	169	165	177									

Table 13.--Egg production by regions: Percentage of 48 States total and index of change, 1947-49 average and annual, 1950-62

Year	Percentage of 48 States total						
	North Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	Western	48 States
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1947-49 average:	16.3	20.7	29.0	8.6	15.4	10.0	100.0
1950	17.2	19.9	28.3	8.8	14.9	10.9	100.0
1951	17.5	19.9	28.6	8.7	14.2	11.1	100.0
1952	18.3	19.7	27.6	8.8	14.3	11.3	100.0
1953	18.5	19.4	27.4	9.0	13.4	12.3	100.0
1954	18.4	19.6	27.8	9.0	12.6	12.6	100.0
1955	18.5	19.6	27.9	9.3	12.3	12.4	100.0
1956	18 5	19.6	27.0	9.8	12.8	12.3	100.0
1957	18.2	18.8	27.1	10.4	13.1	12.4	100.0
1958	17.7	18.8	26.6	10.8	13.3	12.8	100.0
1959	17.0	18.0	25.6	12.0	14.2	13.2	100.0
1960	16.3	17.5	24.6	13.1	14.3	14.2	100.0
1961 1/	15.7	16.6	23.9	13.6	15.1	15.1	100.0
1962 1/	15.1	16.3	22.5	14.2	16.1	15.8	100.0
	Index of change (1947-49=100)						
	North Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	Western	48 States
1947-49 average:	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	111.8	102.4	103.8	108.4	102.8	115.8	106.3
1951	112.1	100.7	103.1	106.9	96.5	115.7	104.7
1952	117.0	99.8	99.7	107.7	96.9	118.5	104.7
1953	118.3	98.0	98.6	109.3	90.4	128.3	104.4
1954	119.9	100.7	101.7	112.2	86.8	133.1	106.2
1955	121.3	101.9	103.1	116.6	86.0	132.3	107.3
1956	124.9	104.2	102.5	126.0	91.9	135.3	110.2
1957	122.3	99.9	102.9	133.1	93.6	136.6	110.0
1958	120.4	100.8	102.0	139.8	95.6	142.2	111.0
1959	118.9	99.4	100.6	160.2	105.5	150.2	114.2
1960	110.5	94.1	94.0	169.0	102.8	157.2	110.8
1961 1/	107.2	89.8	92.1	177.7	109.5	166.9	111.6
1962 1/	105.1	89.7	88.3	187.3	118.3	178.9	113.5

1/ Preliminary.

Table 14.--Hatch of replacement-type chicks by selected periods, 1956 to date

Period	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million
January	39.3	30.5	34.0	35.8	23.3	31.5	28.2	31.2
February	84.0	56.2	61.7	61.4	38.2	49.5	40.2	41.6
March	149.5	109.2	112.9	117.8	71.6	91.1	78.6	1/74.6
April	159.4	129.1	135.4	129.6	97.5	103.8	96.6	
May	108.8	90.7	109.7	85.8	99.7	84.9	83.5	
June	34.7	27.8	40.4	27.2	43.6	34.5	38.8	
July	15.4	11.9	18.2	14.0	18.8	21.3	24.4	
August	14.3	10.2	14.8	13.4	16.4	20.6	21.8	
September	14.8	12.3	16.6	13.8	16.7	22.0	21.7	
October	17.1	13.0	16.9	14.3	16.9	24.4	24.5	
November	14.7	12.1	16.3	13.5	16.7	21.0	21.7	
December	15.9	15.7	19.6	14.3	20.2	20.3	20.9	
Calendar year	667.9	518.7	596.5	541.0	479.7	525.0	500.8	
Year ending September	669.6	525.6	584.6	551.6	467.9	513.2	499.4	

1/ Assumes hatch will show the same year-to-year change as eggs in incubators on March 1.

Table 15.--Egg-feed price ratio, chickens raised and subsequent number of pullets on farms, 1925 to date

Year	Egg-feed price ratio weighted average 1/	Chickens raised 2/	Egg-type pullet chicks hatched 3/	Pullets on farms 4/: Number: Oct. 1	Pullets on farms 4/: Number: Jan. 1 following	Pullets on farms 4/: As a percentage of chickens raised: Oct. 1	Pullets on farms 4/: As a percentage of chickens raised: Jan. 1 following	Percentage of preceding year: Egg-feed price ratio weighted average 1/	Percentage of preceding year: Farmers' intentions to purchase chicks	Percentage of preceding year: Egg-type pullet chicks hatched	Percentage of preceding year: Chickens raised	Percentage of preceding year: Pullets on farms Jan. 1 following
	Lb.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1925	12.9	679									103	
1926	13.5	718						105			106	
1927	13.4	750						99			104	
1928	12.2	700						91			93	
1929	13.1	751			253		34	107			107	
1930	13.8	777			244		31	105			103	96
1931	10.6	709		240	230	34	32	77			91	94
1932	11.6	736		254	237	34	32	109			104	103
1933	14.3	750		254	238	34	32	123			102	100
1934	10.9	644		229	212	36	33	76			86	89
1935	11.4	658		242	226	37	34	105			102	107
1936	13.1	715		271	249	38	35	115			109	110
1937	9.4	601		248	215	41	36	72			84	86
1938	11.4	651		276	242	42	37	121	108		108	113
1939	12.6	697		287	254	41	36	111	108		107	105
1940	10.4	634		292	240	46	38	83	96		91	94
1941	11.5	745		328	278	44	37	111	109		118	116
1942	13.2	844		363	319	43	38	115	112		113	115
1943	14.7	1,001		393	350	39	35	111	116		119	110
1944	11.2	832		347	301	42	36	76	83		83	86
1945	12.8	890		371	322	42	36	114	96		107	107
1946	11.9	738		325	281	44	38	93	86		83	87
1947	11.3	719		326	278	45	39	95	94		97	99
1948	9.8	615		301	258	49	42	87	80		86	93
1949	12.7	705		324	287	46	41	130	107		115	111
1950	9.6	620		283	258	46	42	76	88		88	90
1951	11.4	623		288	261	46	42	119	96		101	101
1952	9.1	561		259	238	46	42	80	90		90	91
1953	11.3	548		266	255	49	47	124	96		98	107
1954	10.9	540		273	257	50	48	96	100		99	101
1955	9.8	459	324	242	239	53	52	90	82		85	93
1956	12.2	471	334	259	250	55	53	124	103	103	103	105
1957	9.3	394	259	228	227	58	58	76	91	78	84	91
1958	11.9	421	298	254	246	60	58	128	106	115	107	109
1959	10.0	386	270	231	225	60	58	84	99	91	92	91
1960	9.6	332	240	207	210	62	63	96	91	89	86	93
1961	11.5	345	263	225	219	65	63	120	112	110	104	104
1962	10.0	(10.6)317	249	215	212	68	67	87	101		92	97
1963	5/ (10.5)							99	106			

1/ Weights are as follows: Preceding November, 1; preceding December, 2; January, 3; February, 4; March, 5; April, 3; May, 1.

2/ For farm flock replacement; excluding specialized broilers, but including broiler breeder stock.

3/ One half of replacement chicks hatched; series began in 1955.

4/ Laying and not yet laying.

5/ Based only on preceding November, preceding December, January and February; comparable 1962 in parentheses.

Table 16.--Chickens: Year-to-year changes in numbers raised, layers on farms and intentions to raise by regions, 1960 to date

Item and year	Unit	North Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	Western	48 States
Reported:								
Chickens raised:								
1960	Million	49.7	47.0	84.0	49.9	54.4	46.8	331.8
1961	do.	47.9	49.2	85.9	53.5	60.8	47.8	345.0
1962	do.	46.7	42.6	69.0	51.9	57.5	49.3	317.0
Potential layers on farm Jan. 1:								
1960	Million	57.3	58.6	85.4	46.9	58.6	45.0	351.8
1961	do.	54.5	55.8	81.0	48.0	55.7	47.8	342.7
1962	do.	53.0	55.1	78.7	50.8	60.6	51.1	349.2
1963	do.	52.0	52.7	69.9	53.7	63.7	54.1	346.2
Average number of layers on farms:								
1960	Million	47.8	50.6	71.5	38.9	46.5	39.4	294.7
1961	do.	46.7	48.0	69.1	40.4	48.2	41.9	294.2
1962	do.	45.1	47.5	65.7	42.5	51.5	44.8	297.0
As a percentage of a year earlier:								
Chickens raised:								
1961	Percent	96	105	102	107	112	102	104
1962	do.	97	87	80	97	95	103	92
Intentions to buy chickens in 1963	Percent	102	104	102	111	113	105	106
Replacement chicks hatched October 1962-March 1963 1/	Percent	106	96	88	116	112	94	101
Potential layers								
1961	Percent	95	95	95	102	95	106	97
1962	do.	97	99	97	106	109	107	102
1963	do.	98	96	89	106	105	106	99
Average number of layers on farms:								
1961	Percent	98	95	97	104	104	106	100
1962	do.	97	99	95	105	107	107	101

Table 17.--Number of farm chickens: On hand January 1, lost, raised, and slaughtered during the year, 48 States, 1950-63

Year	On hand January 1						Lost during the year 2/	Raised	Slaughtered
	Potential layers				Other chickens	Total 1/			
	Hens	Pullets		Total 1/					
		Laying	Not yet laying						
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
1950	137	255	32	424	33	457	85	620	561
1951	141	229	29	399	32	431	83	623	544
1952	136	231	30	397	29	427	88	561	502
1953	135	215	23	373	25	398	84	548	465
1954	116	231	24	371	26	397	85	540	461
1955	111	233	25	369	22	391	84	459	382
1956	122	212	27	361	23	384	85	471	378
1957	120	218	32	370	22	391	84	394	327
1958	129	195	32	356	19	374	77	421	332
1959	121	209	37	367	20	387	75	386	329
1960	127	193	32	352	18	369	69	332	272
1961	133	176	34	343	18	361	64	345	277
1962	130	182	38	349	18	367	3/66	317	3/254
1963	134	173	39	346	18	364			

1/ Items may not add exactly to totals due to rounding. 2/ Loss during the year of chickens on hand January 1. 3/ Approximated.

Table 18.--Broiler prices per pound, selected areas, January 1956 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual weighted average
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
	(a) U. S. mid-month average price received by farmers, live												
1956	20.6	21.4	21.9	20.8	21.1	20.2	21.4	19.6	18.2	17.2	16.8	16.6	19.6
1957	18.0	19.5	19.5	18.8	19.3	20.7	21.4	20.7	18.1	17.0	16.9	16.4	18.9
1958	19.9	20.4	21.4	19.4	20.3	21.1	19.3	17.6	16.3	15.8	15.8	15.1	18.5
1959	17.0	16.8	16.9	16.3	15.8	15.8	16.1	15.6	15.4	14.9	14.8	17.4	16.1
1960	17.1	17.6	18.0	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	16.6	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.5	16.9
1961	16.4	17.6	16.6	14.9	14.0	12.8	12.4	12.7	11.8	11.8	12.4	15.2	13.9
1962	16.0	16.6	16.3	14.8	14.3	14.3	14.8	15.3	16.3	14.9	14.3	14.6	
1963	14.6	15.8											
	(b) Del-Mar-Va, average price, live 1/												
1956	21.2	22.7	23.1	20.4	21.1	19.0	23.2	19.7	18.5	17.9	16.7	17.4	
1957	18.1	20.8	21.4	20.2	19.1	21.8	22.1	21.8	19.2	17.2	16.7	16.1	
1958	18.6	20.9	22.7	19.3	21.6	22.3	20.3	18.5	16.4	15.9	17.1	14.9	
1959	16.4	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.2	16.2	17.7	16.4	16.9	15.2	15.0	19.9	
1960	17.0	18.2	20.0	18.1	17.6	18.2	20.1	18.0	17.0	15.9	17.6	15.8	
1961	17.4	19.3	17.5	15.9	15.2	12.8	14.0	13.4	12.4	12.6	12.5	15.2	
1962	16.7	18.0	18.2	15.8	15.3	15.7	15.7	16.4	17.9	15.3	15.6	14.7	
1963	15.4	16.6	17.0										
	(c) North Georgia, price at farm, live 1/												
1956	21.3	21.1	21.0	19.6	20.0	18.2	21.5	18.7	16.5	16.0	16.3	15.1	
1957	17.0	19.7	19.7	19.0	17.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	17.5	15.7	15.4	15.8	
1958	17.5	19.0	21.0	18.2	20.0	20.0	19.8	17.0	15.6	15.2	16.1	14.2	
1959	14.6	15.1	15.5	15.8	14.9	14.5	15.5	14.6	14.4	13.8	14.0	16.2	
1960	15.6	17.3	18.3	17.5	17.3	16.8	17.2	16.7	15.4	14.7	14.9	14.6	
1961	15.4	16.7	16.0	15.0	13.3	11.1	12.2	11.9	10.6	10.4	10.9	13.8	
1962	15.0	16.6	15.9	14.2	13.0	13.6	13.5	14.5	15.2	14.1	14.6	13.1	
1963	14.0	15.0	15.0										
	(d) San Joaquin Valley of California, monthly average prices paid at ranch, live 2/												
1956	21.0	21.3	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.6	23.9	21.8	20.6	18.3	16.5	19.5	20.9
1957	21.0	20.3	22.2	20.3	20.6	22.0	22.8	22.4	19.9	16.5	17.1	17.0	20.2
1958	20.8	20.9	23.9	21.0	21.2	22.0	20.5	19.1	16.3	15.9	17.3	15.5	19.5
1959	18.6	18.5	18.8	16.9	18.0	18.6	18.8	18.8	16.7	15.0	16.0	17.4	17.7
1960	17.6	18.4	19.8	20.2	19.0	18.9	19.3	18.5	17.5	16.8	16.8	16.7	18.3
1961	17.5	18.8	17.5	16.0	14.9	13.8	13.6	14.0	12.9	13.1	13.4	16.2	15.1
1962	17.9	18.2	17.6	16.1	15.7	15.8	16.8	17.3	18.0	16.6	16.2	16.2	16.9
1963	16.5	17.4											
	(e) Chicago, ready-to-cook (ice-packed), monthly average price												
1956	34.0	34.8	35.3	33.6	34.1	32.3	34.5	32.2	30.3	28.7	28.3	26.8	32.1
1957	29.5	31.9	31.5	30.9	31.2	33.6	34.2	33.3	29.6	27.9	27.9	27.4	30.8
1958	32.8	32.7	34.5	31.8	32.7	33.8	31.7	29.3	27.4	26.4	26.6	25.3	30.4
1959	29.2	28.7	28.7	27.9	27.1	26.9	27.3	26.6	26.4	25.8	25.1	28.9	27.4
1960	28.8	29.8	30.5	29.3	29.2	29.2	29.6	28.2	27.0	26.8	26.5	26.1	28.4
1961	27.9	29.4	28.2	25.8	24.1	22.5	22.0	22.7	21.5	21.7	22.2	26.1	24.5
1962	28.0	28.8	27.8	25.8	24.8	24.8	25.9	26.6	27.9	25.8	24.9	25.0	26.4
1963	25.5	27.0											
	(f) New York, ready-to-cook (ice-packed), wholesale lots, monthly average price												
1956	35.8	37.4	37.6	35.4	36.1	35.2	38.4	34.5	33.2	31.6	30.8	30.3	34.7
1957	32.7	33.9	33.9	32.8	33.7	35.7	37.4	32.8	32.5	30.5	30.0	29.5	33.0
1958	34.8	35.2	36.2	33.4	34.4	35.5	33.0	30.9	28.8	28.0	27.8	26.9	32.1
1959	30.9	30.3	29.5	29.0	28.2	28.6	29.3	28.1	28.5	27.4	27.2	30.8	29.0
1960	30.8	30.8	31.8	29.9	30.8	30.7	31.7	29.9	28.6	27.9	28.0	28.2	29.9
1961	29.2	31.0	29.3	27.1	25.8	24.0	23.7	24.7	23.4	23.8	23.4	27.7	26.1
1962	29.7	30.4	29.4	26.6	26.5	27.4	28.3	28.4	29.9	29.5	25.7	26.1	28.0
1963	27.0	29.5											

1/ First full week of month. 2/ Simple average of daily "mostly price."

Table 19.--Average price received by farmers for broilers and indicators of supplies of broilers and red meat, by months, 1954 to date

Year	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Weighted average or total
		(a) U. S. average price received by farmers for broilers, per lb.												
1954	Ct.	24.2	22.6	23.5	24.3	23.7	24.4	25.4	24.9	23.0	21.0	20.1	19.2	23.1
1955	do.	24.4	25.4	29.7	28.4	27.0	27.2	26.5	26.9	25.2	22.0	21.2	19.4	25.2
1956	do.	20.6	21.4	21.9	20.8	21.1	20.2	21.4	19.6	18.2	17.2	16.8	16.6	19.6
1957	do.	18.0	19.5	19.5	18.8	19.3	20.7	21.4	20.7	18.1	17.0	16.9	16.4	18.9
1958	do.	19.9	20.4	21.4	19.4	20.3	21.1	19.3	17.6	16.3	15.8	15.8	15.1	18.5
1959	do.	17.0	16.8	16.9	16.3	15.8	15.8	16.1	15.6	15.4	14.9	14.8	17.4	16.1
1960	do.	17.1	17.6	18.0	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	16.6	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.5	16.9
1961	do.	16.4	17.6	16.6	14.9	14.0	12.8	12.4	12.7	11.8	11.8	12.4	15.2	13.9
1962	do.	16.0	16.6	16.3	14.8	14.3	14.3	14.8	15.3	16.3	14.9	14.3	14.6	2/15.2
1963	do.	14.6	15.8											
		(b) Hatch of broiler chicks related to production in the given month 1/												
1954	Mil.						2/106.8	2/110.3	2/108.4	2/95.3				1,047.8
1955	do.				81.2	92.1	105.4	109.7	115.9	111.8	111.0	98.8	86.9	1,091.7
1956	do.	93.4	95.8	102.7	114.0	115.0	132.5	135.0	142.7	138.0	128.5	123.3	107.0	1,343.7
1957	do.	107.4	108.0	109.0	128.7	122.5	139.4	141.4	147.8	142.0	143.7	132.3	119.5	1,447.5
1958	do.	116.5	126.7	140.1	137.3	151.4	163.2	180.9	177.9	172.2	153.2	130.5	133.7	1,659.5
1959	do.	133.8	148.2	154.0	150.2	183.5	180.6	175.1	169.4	166.4	149.9	122.1	121.7	1,736.9
1960	do.	129.7	141.5	159.1	159.5	176.8	172.9	195.1	185.3	175.7	155.5	140.0	143.4	1,795.0
1961	do.	144.2	157.9	169.8	175.2	210.3	216.0	212.0	197.1	187.4	170.2	143.7	137.8	1,992.2
1962	do.	142.6	156.5	177.3	168.9	209.1	298.2	209.9	192.4	185.6	173.3	160.7	168.8	2,122.4
1963	do.	170.6	171.3	174.9	168.3									
		(c) Commercial production of red meats												
1954	Mil. lb.	2,062	1,735	2,020	1,818	1,792	1,912	1,876	1,930	2,071	2,120	2,199	2,270	23,805
1955	do.	2,192	1,854	2,176	1,929	1,964	2,001	1,815	2,158	2,227	2,324	2,398	2,433	25,471
1956	do.	2,474	2,[illegible]82	2,264	2,107	2,147	2,059	2,078	2,136	2,070	2,511	2,411	2,204	26,643
1957	do.	2,439	2,027	2,098	2,041	2,166	1,917	2,099	2,084	2,098	2,405	2,097	2,096	25,567
1958	do.	2,268	1,807	1,907	1,984	1,948	1,934	2,011	1,939	2,119	2,314	1,965	2,182	24,378
1959	do.	2,241	1,980	2,084	2,153	2,018	2,064	2,145	2,003	2,253	2,402	2,245	2,429	26,017
1960	do.	2,401	2,162	2,326	2,110	2,245	2,244	2,032	2,321	2,312	2,315	2,301	2,247	27,016
1961	do.	2,336	2,045	2,379	2,103	2,398	2,332	2,080	2,343	2,257	2,493	2,420	2,252	27,438
1962	do.	2,502	2,109	2,387	2,208	2,421	2,254	2,218	2,362	2,128	2,608	2,401	2,269	27,865
1963	do.	2,560												

1/ Through 1957 the figure shown is the hatch 3 months earlier; thereafter, it is the hatch 2 months earlier. Total for the year is actual broiler production rather than the sum of months hatchings.
2/ Preliminary

Table 20.--Pullet chicks placed domestically for broiler hatchery supply flocks, by months, 1961 to date with comparisons 1/

Month	Total for the month					Cumulation relevant to breeder flock of given month 2/				
	Reported			Percentage of preceding year		Reported			Percentage of preceding year	
	1961	1962	1963	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Million	Million	Million	Percent	Percent	Million	Million	Million	Percent	Percent
January	1.9	2.1	1.7	111	83	20.4	22.5	20.6	110	92
February	2.4	2.4	2.2	101	93	21.3	22.7	20.8	107	92
March	3.7	3.4		91		21.9	22.3	21.0	102	94
April	3.9	3.4		86		21.2	20.5	19.9	97	97
May	3.3	2.5		76		19.6	18.0	17.8	92	99
June	2.8	2.0		71		18.0	16.7	17.0	93	102
July	2.4	2.3		97		17.0	16.4	17.3	96	105
August	2.3	2.6		116		18.6	17.4		94	
September	2.0	2.3		114		20.4	18.5		91	
October	2.0	2.6		134		21.3	18.9		89	
November	1.9	2.3		122		21.5	18.9		88	
December	1.4	1.2		87		21.9	19.4		89	

1/ Includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of eggs. Data reported by the leading primary breeders of broiler replacement stocks.

2/ Totals obtained from unrounded data; sum of domestic placements 5-12 months previous.

Table 21.--Chickens tested for broiler hatching egg production, by months, 1961 to date with comparisons

Month	Total for the month					Cumulation relevant to breeder flock of given month 1/				
	Reported			Percentage of preceding year		Reported			Percentage of preceding year	
	1961	1962	1963	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Million	Million	Million	Percent	Percent	Million	Million	Million	Percent	Percent
January	2.8	2.7	2.7	99	97	18.0	18.8	17.6	104	94
February	2.1	2.3	2.3	111	96	18.7	19.9	18.3	106	92
March	2.3	2.2		94		19.7	20.5		104	
April	2.1	1.9		87		19.9	20.1		101	
May	1.6	1.4		87		19.1	19.1		100	
June	1.2	1.5		127		17.6	17.5		99	
July	1.6	1.7		101		16.4	16.3		99	
August	2.2	2.3		103		16.0	16.0		100	
September	2.4	2.6		109		15.6	15.9		102	
October	3.1	2.5		80		16.6	16.0		96	
November	2.9	2.3		78		17.2	16.1		94	
December	2.6	2.1		80		17.7	16.3		92	

1/ Includes the sum of current and preceding seven months.

Table 22.--United States broiler and turkey exports, total and to the Common Market, by months, 1961 to date 1/

	Broilers							
	1961				1962			
	Total	Common Market		Other	Total	Common Market		Other
		Total	West Germany			Total	West Germany	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
January	6,302	3,072	2,377	3,229	9,835	6,829	5,394	3,005
February	6,533	3,908	3,331	2,625	9,330	6,130	5,110	3,200
March	8,621	5,277	3,382	3,343	11,344	7,686	6,739	3,658
April	8,987	4,927	3,950	4,060	16,728	12,997	11,888	3,731
May	12,331	7,098	5,792	5,233	26,437	21,812	18,336	4,626
June	15,668	8,344	7,250	7,324	33,271	25,120	20,835	8,151
July	15,705	9,718	8,147	5,987	14,674	8,849	6,604	5,825
August	12,677	8,827	7,909	3,850	11,071	5,142	3,579	5,929
September	10,677	7,321	6,365	3,356	12,169	5,672	4,027	6,497
October	19,687	14,236	12,911	5,451	8,957	5,018	3,973	3,939
November	16,030	11,072	9,544	4,958	11,064	5,131	4,498	5,933
December	16,094	10,832	8,547	5,263	7,696	2,511	2,307	5,185
Total	149,313	94,632	79,505	54,681	172,576	112,897	93,290	59,679
	Turkeys							
January	916	553	412	363	2,108	1,852	1,766	257
February	1,724	1,054	1,024	670	2,237	1,927	1,621	310
March	1,507	620	555	887	2,096	1,71	1,541	384
April	823	249	235	574	1,234	937	840	298
May	885	338	313	546	3,406	2,905	2,839	501
June	1,177	554	523	623	3,074	2,114	1,954	960
July	2,236	1,455	1,304	781	1,972	1,232	1,085	740
August	3,338	2,625	2,563	713	1,894	894	330	1,000
September	3,753	3,141	2,813	612	5,505	4,279	3,606	1,226
October	6,225	5,209	4,915	1,016	6,383	5,676	5,009	707
November	3,042	2,234	1,993	808	4,807	3,904	3,392	903
December	2,236	1,532	1,341	703	2,135	1,471	1,134	664
Total	27,862	19,566	17,991	8,296	36,853	28,903	25,117	7,950

1/ Exports for January 1963:

	Total	Total Common Market	West Germany	Other
Broilers	1,381	345	300	1,036
Turkeys	1,081	850	787	231

Table 23.--West Germany: Gate prices and levies for U. S. broilers and turkeys and related data, early 1963 compared with early 1962

Item	Early 1962		Early 1963	
	Broilers	Turkeys	Broilers	Turkeys
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Gate:				
Price	---	---	33.09	34.30
Levy (supplemental) 1/	---	---	2.27	---
Regular levies	---	---	2/10.21	2/12.59
Total levies	3/4.80	3/5.32	12.48	12.59
Assumed price, CIF	32.00	35.50	31.50	39.50
Total cost to importer	36.80	40.82	43.98	52.09
Wholesale price for U. S. broilers	39.7		44.9	
Retail price for all broilers	55.3		60.0	
Importer's margin 4/	2.9		0.9	

1/ Special levy collected on broilers in lieu of attempt to administer gate price provisions.
2/ Includes 2 ad volorem duties of 10.5% and 2.0% plus an equalization fee for feed prices.
3/ 15 percent ad valorem.
4/ Difference between wholesale price for U. S. broilers in West Germany and total cost to importers.

Table 24.--Turkey prices per pound: Selected series, by months, January 1957 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly average
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
					(a) Average farm price, mid-month (live), United States								
1957	26.6	25.3	25.5	25.8	24.2	23.3	21.8	22.7	22.9	22.3	23.5	24.5	23.4
1958	22.0	24.6	26.7	26.7	27.3	25.5	24.5	24.8	23.7	23.9	23.0	23.3	23.9
1959	23.8	24.4	23.4	22.4	22.2	22.1	22.2	21.7	22.4	22.4	24.9	29.5	23.9
1960	27.8	26.0	26.8	27.5	26.1	24.1	23.2	23.7	24.5	25.6	25.9	26.6	25.4
1961	25.2	23.9	23.6	22.1	21.4	20.4	19.5	19.6	18.2	17.3	18.0	18.5	18.9
1962	18.2	19.3	20.8	20.9	20.5	20.1	20.8	20.2	21.2	21.9	22.8	23.1	1/21.6
1963	22.1	22.2											
					(b) Live, heavy-type young toms, San Joaquin Valley, California								
1957	26.5	---	---	---	21.9	19.8	17.2	20.4	20.4	18.7	19.5	19.2	---
1958	19.1	---	---	---	24.1	22.2	21.4	22.3	19.7	20.0	19.0	21.1	---
1959	24.2	---	---	---	22.6	25.4	23.6	20.5	21.6	22.2	26.0	31.2	---
1960	28.5	27.2	---	25.2	24.7	23.1	22.2	22.7	23.1	24.6	23.9	25.4	---
1961	23.3	21.4	21.2	19.5	19.1	18.0	17.6	18.4	16.2	16.3	18.0	16.9	17.7
1962	---	---	---	19.2	18.3	17.7	18.3	18.0	19.0	20.2	21.0	20.7	19.2
1963	21.4	23.0											
					(c) Live, heavy-type hens, San Joaquin Valley, California								
1957	---	---	---	---	23.6	20.8	20.1	21.3	21.9	21.6	23.8	26.2	---
1958	23.8	---	---	---	31.5	27.4	25.5	25.5	23.3	24.3	22.9	23.2	---
1959	23.6	---	---	---	23.7	23.3	21.4	21.3	22.6	23.5	27.6	34.5	---
1960	29.1	---	--	29.6	26.7	24.6	22.7	24.0	25.0	27.3	28.2	33.1	---
1961	25.8	25.4	25.0	21.6	21.5	20.8	19.9	20.6	18.4	18.4	20.4	20.8	20.3
1962	---	---	22.4	23.7	20.7	20.5	20.4	19.6	20.2	22.6	24.7	25.2	22.0
1963	24.0	24.8											
					(d) Frozen eviscerated toms, heaviest weights quoted, New York City								
1957	47.9	44.8	45.3	44.3	44.3	43.5	40.5	39.8	39.9	38.1	40.1	40.3	42.4
1958	39.8	39.7	39.5	40.2	42.5	43.0	41.9	41.0	40.6	41.6	40.5	40.8	40.9
1959	43.8	45.2	39.5	40.2	47.4	53.6	53.2	49.5	51.4	48.4	48.2	48.2	47.4
1960	47.1	46.0	47.1	48.4	48.2	46.6	43.7	41.9	42.5	41.8	42.1	41.2	44.7
1961	40.7	40.1	39.1	38.0	37.8	35.9	35.0	36.0	35.7	35.2	34.3	34.4	36.8
1962	35.2	37.3	38.1	38.7	38.0	37.0	37.6	36.2	37.5	39.6	38.7	37.5	38.0
1963	38.0	38.9											
					(e) Frozen eviscerated hens, 12-14 pounds, New York City								
1957	41.5	39.6	42.5	---	44.0	---	---	37.7	38.1	38.7	41.7	44.7	33.5
1958	43.5	44.6	48.6	---	---	47.8	42.0	42.0	40.3	41.1	40.6	39.6	---
1959	40.1	40.6	48.6	---	38.4	38.1	36.7	36.3	36.9	38.9	43.0	49.2	---
1960	49.2	49.0	49.6	51.0	48.0	42.4	38.6	39.2	40.3	42.8	43.9	46.6	45.0
1961	45.2	44.1	43.6	39.5	38.0	34.9	33.1	34.8	32.8	33.5	34.2	33.8	37.3
1962	33.4	35.2	35.9	36.7	36.1	35.3	35.9	36.0	37.6	38.3	39.1	39.2	36.6
1963	39.5	39.0											
					(f) Live, Beltsville Small Whites, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia								
1957	25.5	26.2	25.8	26.0	24.3	23.0	22.9	23.7	23.2	23.8	26.7	27.4	---
1958	24.9	28.6	30.8	29.3	29.6	27.4	24.4	25.0	24.3	25.5	25.7	24.3	---
1959	23.4	25.4	23.2	21.5	22.2	22.6	20.8	20.0	20.0	21.7	26.0	28.8	---
1960	24.8	30.0	28.2	27.8	27.2	23.8	22.9	24.2	25.0	28.2	26.4	25.3	26.1
1961	23.2	24.1	23.2	21.6	21.1	19.3	18.1	18.8	17.8	16.5	19.0	18.6	20.1
1962	---	---	23.6	23.6	20.9	20.3	22.1	22.0	23.4	25.6	24.6	23.9	23.0
1963	22.0	---											
					(g) Live, heavy-type toms, Iowa								
1957	---	---	---	---	---	---	19.6	20.6	20.5	19.3	21.0	---	---
1958	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	23.6	21.6	21.5	20.2	---	---
1959	---	---	---	---	---	23.2	24.5	20.7	23.0	22.4	25.1	---	---
1960	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	23.8	24.2	24.3	24.1	---	---
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.1	17.2	14.6	14.3	14.4	---	---
1962	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19.0	20.3	20.5	20.8	---	---
1963	---	---											
					(h) Live, heavy-type hens, Iowa								
1957	---	---	---	---	---	---	21.9	22.7	23.1	23.5	26.1	---	---
1958	---	---	---	---	---	---	25.8	27.7	25.2	26.2	24.0	---	---
1959	---	---	---	---	---	22.7	21.7	22.0	23.0	23.9	26.1	---	---
1960	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25.4	26.4	28.5	29.0	---	---
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.2	19.3	16.3	16.2	16.4	---	---
1962	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21.0	23.2	23.4	23.9	---	---
1963	---	---											

1/ Preliminary.

Table 25.--Turkeys: Monthly hatchings, by breed type, advanced to indicate prospective month of marketing, 1962 to date

Month	Heavy white breed hatchings 5 months previous				Other heavy breed hatchings 6 months previous			
	By months		Cumulative		By months		Cumulative	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
January	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.5	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1
February	1.0	1.0	2.7	2.5	.3	.4	3.3	3.5
March	1.1	.9	3.9	3.4	.2	.1	3.5	3.6
April	1.4	.9	5.2	4.3	.3	.1	3.8	3.7
May	1.8	1.0	7.0	5.3	.4	.2	4.1	3.9
June	2.0	1.5	9.1	6.8	.6	.4	4.7	4.3
July	2.1	2.6	11.1	9.4	1.2	1.2	5.9	5.5
August	4.1		15.3		3.5	4.4	9.4	9.9
September	5.3		20.6		10.0		19.3	
October	6.3		26.9		14.1		33.5	
November	4.7		31.6		14.5		47.9	
December	2.9		34.5		9.0		56.9	

Month	Light breed hatchings 4 months previous				All turkeys: Sum of preceding columns 1/			
	By months		Cumulative		By months		Cumulative	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
January	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
February	.3	.4	.7	.8	1.6	1.7	6.7	6.8
March	.3	.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.3	8.3	8.1
April	.3	.5	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.5	10.3	9.6
May	.4	.6	1.7	2.2	2.6	1.8	12.8	11.4
June	.5	.6	2.2	2.8	3.1	2.6	16.0	14.0
July	.7		2.9		4.0		20.0	
August	.9		3.9		8.5		28.5	
September	1.5		5.4		16.8		45.3	
October	1.6		6.9		22.0		67.3	
November	1.5		8.4		20.7		88.0	
December	1.1		9.5		12.9		100.9	

1/ Obtained from unrounded data.

Table 26.--Turkeys: Storage stocks, United States, first of the month, 1950 to date and selected storage centers, beginning of the week April 1962 to date

Year or week	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
	United States, first of the month											
1950	127	138	129	113	93	77	64	47	37	43	77	108
1951	110	117	101	80	60	48	39	30	25	42	83	109
1952	107	116	107	93	72	63	56	46	44	71	142	158
1953	147	143	118	92	72	60	53	44	46	69	126	135
1954	122	125	109	97	79	69	57	48	51	78	141	147
1955	121	124	111	93	71	60	52	45	48	77	144	129
1956	95	96	83	64	49	41	36	36	53	98	197	194
1957	162	170	150	137	109	98	92	90	102	149	241	220
1958	177	179	154	131	105	84	80	79	104	161	255	208
1959	162	160	141	112	87	68	65	67	87	134	220	183
1960	149	142	124	105	87	74	67	71	113	186	282	210
1961	160	172	152	126	108	94	106	128	189	270	382	318
1962	263	251	219	191	156	132	121	123	160	233	340	265
1963	203	198	177									
	Selected storage centers, beginning of the week											
Weeks	1963			1962								
First	137	131	120	133	105	93	85	90	113	150	209	166
Second	137	129	117	126	102	91	85	93	120	161	210	170
Third	137	129	115	118	99	89	84	98	130	178	177	161
Fourth	135	126		112	92	86	86	104	141	192	160	139
Fifth				109			88			200		136

Table 27.--Turkeys: Composition of storage stocks, 1958 to date

Class of turkey and type of holdings	Unit	Reported holdings										
		September 30					January 31					
		1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
		(a) Percentage of total reported holdings										
Eviscerated												
Toms	Percent	45	42	48	52	49	84	69	83	[illegible]	73	77
Hens	do.	48	52	47	42	47	11	25	12	17	23	19
Broiler-fryers	do.	6	6	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4
New York dressed												
Toms	do.	2/	2/	[illegible]	1	1	1	2/	1	2/	1	2/
Hens		2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total 1/	do.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		(b) Holdings, by weight										
Size of sample on which percentages are based	Million pounds	103	80	96	176	168	115	96	81	115	169	108
Total U.S. cold storage holding same date	do.	161	134	186	270	233	179	160	142	172	251	200

1/ Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.
2/ Less than 0.5 percent

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Table 28.--Turkeys: Indicators of size of crop by breeds early March 1963

Item	Volume in current season as a percentage of a year earlier				
	Heavy-type turkeys			Light breeds	All turkeys
	White breeds	Other	Total		
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hatchings, September 1-March 1	83	105	92	130	97
Eggs in incubators, March 1	111	108	109	95	108
Breeders tested, July 1-March 1	101	88	93	125	95
Size of breeder flock on January 1					
Intentions as of October 1	103	98	100	114	101
Reported	---	---	99	115	100
Intentions to raise turkeys, 1963	110	99	103	102	103

Table 29.--Turkeys raised and related data, United States, 1950 to date

Year	Absolute numbers			Change from preceding year						
				Number			Percentage			
	Turkeys raised	Turkey-feed price ratio 1/	Breeder hens on farms, Jan. 1	Turkeys raised	Turkey-feed price ratio 1/	Breeder hens on farms, Jan. 1 2/	Turkeys raised 2/	Turkey-feed price ratio 2/	Farmers' intentions to raise turkeys	Breeder hens on farms, Jan. 1 2/
	Millions	Pounds	Millions	Millions	Pounds	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
					a. All turkeys					
1950	44	10.2	3.3	3	-2.9	0.1	8	-22	1	4
1951	53	9.0	3.2	9	-1.2	-.1	20	-12	1	-2
1952	62	9.2	3.7	9	.2	.5	17	2	11	15
1953	60	8.2	3.2	-3	-1.0	-.5	-4	-11	-8	-14
1954	68	9.1	3.1	8	.9	-.1	13	11	7	-2
1955	66	7.5	3.0	-2	-1.6	-.1	-3	-18	-4	-3
1956	77	9.0	3.2	11	1.5	.2	17	20	6	6
1957	81	7.5	3.6	5	-1.5	.4	6	-17	10	13
1958	80	7.0	3.3	-2	-.5	-.3	-2	-7	1	-7
1959	84	7.0	3.7	5	0	.3	6	0	5	10
1960	85	7.8	3.3	3/	.8	-.3	3/	11	6	-9
1961	108	8.0	4.3	23	.2	1.0	28	3	20	31
1962 4/	92	5.4	3.9	-16	-2.6	-.4	-15	-32	-12	-9
1963 4/		6.5	3.9		1.1	3/		20	3	0
					b. Heavy-breed turkeys					
1953	43		2.7	5/-1		---	5/-2		-3	---
1954	49		2.4	5		-.3	12		6	-9
1955	49		2.5	3/		3/	1		0	2
1956	63		2.7	14		.2	29		14	10
1957	68		3.1	5		.4	8		13	15
1958	67		2.9	-1		-.3	-1		3	-8
1959	69		3.1	1		.2	2		3	7
1960	74		2.9	6		-.2	8		12	-5
1961	95		3.9	21		1.0	28		22	34
1962 4/	83		3.5	-12		-.3	-13		-11	-9
1963 4/			3.5			3/			+3	-1
					c. Light-breed turkeys					
1953	16		0.5	5/-2		---	5/-9		-23	---
1954	19		.7	3		.2	17		9	40
1955	17		.5	-2		-.1	-12		-11	-19
1956	14		.5	-3		-.1	-19		-16	-13
1957	13		.5	3/		3/	-3		-3	3
1958	12		.5	-1		3/	-8		-11	-3
1959	16		.6	3		.1	28		16	28
1960	10		.4	-5		-.2	-35		-18	-28
1961 4/	13		.5	2		3/	23		5	7
1962 4/	9		.3	-4		-.1	-32		-19	-25
1963 4/			.4			3/			+2	+15

1/ Monthly ratios weighted as follows: Preceding October, 2; preceding November, 4; preceding December, 3; January, 1. 2/ Computed from unrounded data. 3/ Change smaller than 0.5. 4/ Preliminary. 5/ Derived.

Table 30.--Turkeys: Year-to-year changes in numbers raised, intentions to raise and prices received by farmers, by regions, 1959 to date

Year and item	Unit	North Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	Western	48 States
Turkeys raised:								
Reported:								
1959	Million	3.5	13.1	28.7	12.1	7.8	19.3	84.5
1960	do.	3.3	12.6	30.2	9.1	8.3	21.2	84.7
1961	do.	3.6	16.7	39.1	11.3	11.1	26.3	108.1
1962	do.	3.0	14.3	30.5	9.3	8.6	26.1	91.8
Percentage change from a year earlier:								
1960	Percent	-6	-4	+5	-25	+6	+10	0
1961	do.	+9	+33	+29	+24	+34	+24	+28
1962	do.	-17	-14	-22	-18	-23	-1	-15
1963 1/	do.	0	+6	+9	+4	+6	-7	+3
Prices received by farmers for turkeys (per pound):								
Reported:								
Weighted average, entire year								
1959	Cent	29.4	23.2	22.9	24.8	23.4	24.6	23.9
1960	do.	31.4	25.1	24.8	26.2	24.4	25.4	25.4
1961	do.	27.7	18.7	17.1	20.9	19.2	19.5	18.9
Simple average, September-December	Cent							
1961	do.	27.6	18.1	15.8	19.7	18.7	18.5	18.0
1962	do.	29.4	22.4	21.8	22.6	21.8	21.6	22.2
Percentage change from a year earlier:								
1960	Percent	+7	+8	+8	+6	+4	+3	+6
1961	do.	-12	-25	-31	-20	-21	-23	-26
1962 2/	do.	+7	+24	+38	+15	+17	+17	+23

1/ Intentions as of January. 2/ Based on simple averages for September-December.

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